AEMTA Board meeting, November 12, 2013.

Present: Judy Taylor, Ronny Russell, Greg Russell, Sedley Tomlinson, Mike Williams, Becky O’Bar, Donald Reed (proxy for Megan), Markann Young, Jennifer Blaylock, Travis Payne, Robert Galligher and Penny Russell called in. Michael Drost.
Guests Bob Pettis, Josh Woods. (shfd1345jew@yahoo.com)

Called to order by Judy.
Becky read the minutes from the Sept board. Meeting.
Motion by Greg and seconded by Sedley. Motion carries

Treasurers report: 79,697.96. (conference account, credit card, General and savings)
Travis makes a motion to accept the treasurers report. Seconded by Ronny. Motion carries

Validation of the election results:
Ronny makes a motion to accept the results. Seconded by Jennifer.
Discussion:
Mike thanking Sedley for the work with the online company and helping with the process.
Sedley discussed the way the list was scrubbed. Gave some examples of why there were duplicates and triplicates. (Ken Kelly had work, home and given name)
Got the list down to 7800 or so.
Donald has concerns as the election committee chair. He had concerns about how the election was advertised. He does not feel that the members did not get notified. A lot of our members do not get on the internet. The letter states that the Facebook page, the dept. of health, and the AAA would send out an email. Facebook posted less than 10 times. Mike D. states that the numbers are showing that the people looked at the page. Becky was concerned that the page only has 800 likes and that is a small portion of our membership base.
Jennifer made a point that board as a whole needed to get the word out.
Mike W. states that the advertisement was the best electronic things we should have done. We need a better way of notification to get them out. Mike also states that we should have done a mail out.
Robert states that election did not get advertised. We must figure out how to advertise this. Either our members don’t care about what happens with the AEMTA or they just forgot. Not everyone has facebook. Several people have contacted him stating they never have received any information about the election. He states we need to move on, get the word out and just make the AEMTA better. He states that he has had discussions with several and just wants to move forward.
The numbers are not correct on the active membership base. The better number might be around 700.
Called to question.
In favor: Ronny, Greg, Jennifer, Robert, Mike, Penny, Markann
Against: none
Abstain: Travis, Sedley and Donald.
Motion stands as is. Ronny is the president.

Member at large report: we are still looking at the Spring Fling in Region 1. Look for things in the area to do them. Need to get with Jamin.

Sedley makes a motion to suspend the order of business so Bob can give a presentation. Seconded by Ronny. Motion carries.

Mike W. trying to help clarify the First Responder Conference. Look into how we can possibly partner with them.

Bob Pettis gave presentation about the Midwest First Responder Conference and how the AEMTA can help sponsor this.
The site can handle around 500 people. Have facilities needed to accommodate most anything. Had specialized class. Had a basic track, a fire track and a medic track. Had rescue classes, had competition. Do numerous hands on events. Judy would like to thank Bob for coming down and giving a presentation.
Jennifer states that there might have been some miscommunication. Once she got the paperwork in, she was concerned that the numbers were very close with being Ark. Licensed. The Grant money specifies the majority of the attendees must be from ark. Jennifer states that she thinks we could sponsor this and not use the trauma funds.
Ronny is concerned as well with the trauma money. He also asked Bob about becoming a charter member.
Bob states that if we do Spring Fling there, the numbers should be good. The conference is supported by the trauma system. Dr. Maxim is going to speak this year.
Mike W. wants to accomplish to educate the people. Regardless of where the moneys come from. We have historically done very poor with attendance in our classes, such as rescue and PHTLS. We didn’t advertise very well. Mike is suggesting that we have an already established event, that has expanded to all levels, not just EMRs. We could have a good number of licensed personnel. Mike is for supporting this. This year is Pediatric.
Judy has some questions: what’s the name going to be?
Bob does not have a problem putting our name on there and open to advertising the AEMTA. Feb 7-9, 2014.
What is the date? Ours is historically the 8th of March.
We are going back to the regions. Would have to work with the board member at large.
Bob states he will have the conference and how much $$ we give would be if we were part of it or do Spring Fling.
Ronny: spring fling is a deliverable for our trauma money. Joe Martin has told Ronny that it is a gray area with giving our trauma monies. Ronny is for partnering with him but do a separate Spring Fling.

Sedley asked attendance. Midwest was 130. Our spring fling was 105. Sedley asking that if we are going to do a spring fling we still have to do this. Are we splitting the money with Midwest?

Bob suggests using a room for a Spring Fling track. The Midwest conference would allow the people to attend their classes. Midwest is unable to change their dates.

Ronny and Travis think that if we can’t do it in March, then we need to do our own.

Mike asked about doing both events and Jennifer states that she agrees with this. If we use trauma monies that we may not get it back.

Mike makes a motion that the AEMTA co-sponsors the Midwest First responder conference focusing on pediatrics for the amount of $10,000.

No second.

Mike makes a motion to give them $5,000 and the AEMTA co-sponsors the event. Jennifer seconds the motion. Ronny would like to amend the motion contingent that the board is allowed to help with the planning. Jennifer seconds the amendment. Name it the “Eureka Springs First Responder Conference in conjunction with the AEMTA.”

Sedley calls to question. Motion carries.

Sedley moves to suspend the region and society reports unless someone has business to discuss. Seconded by Travis. Motion carries.

Conference chair:

Ronny asks as incoming president for 2014, he would appoint Jennifer Blaylock. Sedley states that this must be straightened out with the previous motion. Becky states that she would suggest that if there is a question, then maybe use a vice chair.

Mike gave some history on how the co-chair position developed.

Sedley asked Ronny is he was good with Jenn as chair and Becky and Donald as co-chairs. Ronny does not like this set up.

Mike states it is the presidents prerogative, subject to the board’s approval. Mike also thinks that there needs to be a chair. Mike makes motion that we strike the previous motion made to appoint Becky, Donald, Jennifer as conference chair. Seconded by Greg. Motion carries.

Mike makes a motion that Jennifer be made conference chair. Seconded by Greg Russell. Motion carries.

Ronny asked about the plaques for the wall of fame. Do 5x7. Try and get a sample next week.
Ronny states that the shelving was not included in the cost of the trailer. Sedley makes a motion for 1500 for shelving and fireproof file cabinet. Seconded by Jennifer. Motion carries.
Ronny: bring ideas for the flag

New Business:

Ronny states the board meetings will stay the same. Seconded Tuesday of odd months.

Sedley. Bylaw change for electronic voting. Need to also look into a member’s only part of the website.

Jan meeting Ronny was going to ask for a special meeting in Feb. To do a bylaw change and policy and procedure manual.

Michael Drost: question on the facebook page. About HIPAA. Becky suggests that the association not answer that and just refer to her local protocols and services.

Motion by Ronny to adjourn, seconded by Travis. Motion carries.